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1. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF CALL MAY 11 ON MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, KUMAR PRASAD GYANWALI, TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY USG CONTINUING INTEREST IN ILO AND IN FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN PARTICULAR. GYANWALI STATED THAT GON WOULD BE SENDING FOUR-MAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE HEADED BY ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. HE NOTED THAT GON HAD GENERALLY TRIED TO AVOID EXTREME POSITIONS AT ILO AND ELSEWHERE, PREFERING MODERATE STAND AND HOPED THAT USG WOULD AGREE TO RESUME MEMBERSHIP IN ILO (HE COMMENTED THAT NEPALESE ASSESSMENT GOING UP DUE TO US WITHDRAWAL AND THIS POSED PROBLEM FOR NEPALI). EMBOFF STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE IN TERMS OF USG CONTINUING REVIEW OF ILO MEMBERSHIP DECISION AND REVIEWED SEVERAL OF KEY ISSUES AS PER REFTEL. GYANWALI STATED HE WOULD PASS ON OUR VIEWS TO THOSE INVOLVED IN GON SIDE, BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS AS TO SUBSTANCE OF LIKELY GON POSITION.

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2. COMMENT: GYANWALI IS QUITE CORRECT IN STATING NEPAL'S PREFERENCE FOR MODERATE POSITIONS. BUT THAT CAN BE REFLECTED IN ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE FROM ROOM IF MAJORITY -- PARTICULARLY GROUP OF 77 -- SENTIMENT IS OTHERWISE. IF MOOD OF CONFERENCE IS CONSTRUCTIVE, HOWEVER, THEN NEPAL WILL BE PART OF THAT TREND AND NEPALESE DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY BE RECEPTIVE TO

APPROACHES BY USG REPS ON SPECIFIC POINTS THAT MIGHT
IMPROVE OVERALL RESULTS.
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